

REMARKS

In the outstanding Official Action, the title of the invention was deemed to be not descriptive, and a new title that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed was required. In response, the present title has been deleted and a new and more descriptive title, as suggested in the Action, has been provided.

The disclosure was objected to because of an informality, namely that none of the sections have headings. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's suggestion regarding the provision of section headings for the specification, but respectfully decline to provide such headings as they are not required by either 37 CFR or the MPEP.

On the merits, claims 1-3, 8-14 and 16-18 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Uchiyama et al, with claims 4-7 and 15 being rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Uchiyama, all for the reasons of record.

In response, claims 4, 8 and 15 have been cancelled, without prejudice, and claims 1, 5, 6 and 13 have been amended. More particularly, independent claims 1 and 13 have been amended to more particularly and precisely define the instant invention, and it is respectfully submitted that these claims, and the remaining claims depending therefrom, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over Uchiyama for the reasons detailed below.

As now amended, claims 1 and 13 now recite and apparatus and a method for producing a stereoscopic image including user control means for controlling two stereoscopic parameters of the image using only a single control. In this regard, it is noted that independent claims 1 and 13 are narrower than now-cancelled claims 4 and 8, wherein the use of a single control and the concept of controlling two stereoscopic parameters were separately recited independent of each other.

Whereas Uchiyama discloses user control means to control various stereoscopic parameters, as noted in the Action, Uchiyama clearly contemplates a one-to-one relationship between controls and stereoscopic parameters being controlled. Thus, in Fig. 16 (cited in the Action) it is clear that one control is provided for each parameter being controlled. This interpretation is confirmed by the description of Fig. 16 contained in Column 11 (also cited in the Action) wherein a one-to-one relationship between controls and parameters being controlled is clearly described. Thus, for example, slide bar 202 is used for changing forward speed, slide bar 203 is used for changing backward speed, slide bar 204 is used for changing the convergence angle and slide bar 205 is used for changing the field angle. The clear one-to-one correspondence between controls and parameters being controlled is directly contrary to the present invention as now more particularly and

precisely recited in amended claims 1 and 13, wherein two stereoscopic parameters are controlled by a single control.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, are now clearly patentably distinguishable over the cited and applied reference, which neither shows nor suggests the subject matter of the present invention as now more precisely recited. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is now in condition for allowance, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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